

MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 300 of 1949

257.719a Operation of towing vehicle to which mobile home attached.

Sec. 719a. (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this act, a person shall not operate on the highways of this state a towing vehicle to which a mobile home is attached, if that mobile home is more than 45 feet in length or more than 60 feet in length when combined with the towing vehicle, is more than 12-1/2 feet in height, and has an actual body width of more than 102 inches at base rail, unless that person possesses either of the following:

(a) A permit issued by the jurisdictional authority pursuant to this section.

(b) A special permit issued by the jurisdictional authority pursuant to section 725.

(2) The jurisdictional authority may issue to a mobile home transport company, a mobile home manufacturer, or a mobile home dealer an annual permit to move over a highway, in the ordinary course of that company's, manufacturer's, or dealer's business, a mobile home that conforms to each of the following:

(a) The mobile home is not more than 12 feet wide.

(b) The actual body length of the mobile home is not more than 80 feet and the combined length of the mobile home and towing vehicle is not more than 105 feet or the total length of a combination of mobile homes is not more than 80 feet and the total length of a combination of mobile homes and towing vehicle is not more than 105 feet.

(3) A jurisdictional authority may, in accordance with section 725, issue a special permit for the movement of a mobile home over a highway within its jurisdiction if the width of that mobile home conforms to both of the following:

(a) The mobile home is not more than 16 feet wide plus normal appurtenances or eaves that extend not more than 6 inches from any side of the mobile home.

(b) The length of the mobile home complies with subsection (2)(b).

(4) A person operating a towing vehicle under subsection (3) shall transport a mobile home only on the lane farthest to the right of that person. A person shall not move a mobile home that is 14 or more feet in width including an eave of 2 feet when the wind velocity exceeds 25 miles per hour.

(5) A jurisdictional authority shall not issue a permit described in subsection (2) or (3) for the transport of a mobile home on a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, from the noon before until the noon after a holiday, or during the hours between sunset and sunrise.

(6) A jurisdictional authority shall provide and a person operating a towing vehicle shall comply with all of the following in a permit issued under this section:

(a) The date, day, and time period during which a mobile home subject to the permit may be moved on a highway.

(b) Notice that the permit is conditioned upon its holder's compliance with the permit's terms and with the law.

(c) Notice that the operator of a towing vehicle transporting the mobile home shall operate the towing vehicle on a highway as follows:

(i) At a safe speed and in a safe manner that will not impede motor traffic.

(ii) Only when the surface condition of the highway is not slippery.

(iii) In accordance with seasonal load restrictions.

(d) For a mobile home and towing vehicle that, when combined, are more than 80 feet in length or more than 12 feet wide, all of the following:

(i) Notice that the mobile home shall be equipped with 2 flashing amber lights on the rear of the mobile home and 1 flashing amber light on the top of the towing vehicle.

(ii) Notice that the mobile home shall be equipped with stop lights and directional lights on the rear of the mobile home.

(iii) Notice that signs with the words "oversize load" shall be displayed on the front bumper of the towing vehicle and the back of the mobile home or, in the case of mobile homes that are 16 feet wide, notice that signs with the words "16-ft wide load" shall be displayed on the front bumper of the towing vehicle and the back of the mobile home.

(iv) Notice that the signs identified in subparagraph (iii) shall be of durable material, in good condition, with black lettering on interstate yellow background, and that each letter shall be of block lettering not less than 12 inches high at the front and not less than 16 inches high at the rear of the unit.

(v) Notice that a vehicle escort is required on those roads where the state police consider escort vehicles necessary for highway safety.

(7) Signs and other special identification for escort vehicles shall conform to state transportation

department requirements for all escort vehicles for oversized loads.

(8) For a mobile home being moved pursuant to this section or section 725, the distance between mobile home axle centers shall not be less than 34 inches. The axles and tires shall meet standards established by the state transportation department.

(9) This section does not grant or give authority to the state transportation department that did not exist on May 1, 1982, in accordance with section 127 of title 23 of the United States Code, 23 U.S.C. 127.

(10) A person who violates this section is responsible for a civil infraction and may be assessed a civil fine of not more than \$500.00. The owner of the towing vehicle may be charged with a violation of this section.

(11) The state transportation commission may order the state transportation department to immediately cease issuing all special permits to move on the highways of the lower peninsula of this state a mobile home that is more than 14-1/3 feet wide plus normal appurtenances that extend no more than 6 inches, and an eave that extends no more than 2 feet from the width of that mobile home upon a state transportation commission determination that those permits create an unreasonable safety hazard or hazards. The state transportation commission shall notify all other jurisdictional authorities of the determination made under this subsection. The order shall not prohibit the issuance of a special permit for the movement of a mobile home if a binding contract for the movement of that mobile home was executed before the commission determination of an unreasonable safety hazard or hazards.

(12) As used in this section:

(a) "Jurisdictional authority" means the state transportation department, a county road commission, or a local authority having jurisdiction over a highway upon which a mobile home is proposed to be moved.

(b) "Mobile home" means any of the following:

(i) A prebuilt housing module.

(ii) That term as defined in section 2 of the mobile home commission act, Act No. 96 of the Public Acts of 1987, being section 125.2302 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(iii) A section of a mobile home as that term is defined in subparagraph (ii).

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